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AGENDA

BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2004 TELECONFERENCE MEETING 3:00 P.M.

METCALF BUILDING, CONFERENCE ROOM 111 1520 EAST SIXTH AVENUE, HELENA, MONTANA

<u>NOTE</u>: All available Board members will be participating via teleconference. The Board attorney and secretary will be present at the location noted above. Members of the public and press are welcome to attend at the location noted above. Members of the public and press also may join any of the Board members with prior arrangement. Contact information for the Board members is available from the Board secretary at (406) 444-2544 or at http://www.deq.state.mt.us/ber/index.asp.

I. Action Agenda Items

- A. Continuation of March 26, 2004 Agenda Item III.B.1
 - 1. In the matter of the amendment, adoption, and repeal of rules in Title 17, chapter 24, subchapters 3 through 13 pertaining to the Strip and Underground Mine Reclamation Act. At the March 26, 2004 public meeting, the Board initiated rulemaking. The Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Amendment, Adoption and Repeal included in the Board packets and posted on the Board website stated that the public hearing would be held in Helena, Montana. After the meeting, members of the public commented to DEQ that the public hearing on this rulemaking should be held in Billings instead of Helena. Billings is closer to the locations of the mining and reclamation activities impacted by the proposed rules. Locating the public hearing in Billings may be more convenient for interested persons. The purpose of the teleconference meeting is to consider whether to change the designated location of the public hearing from Helena to Billings.

II. General Public Comment

Under this item, the members of the public may comment on any public matter within the jurisdiction of the Board that is not otherwise on the agenda of the meeting. Individual contested case proceedings are not public matters on which the public may comment.

III. Adjournment